

HB 362 -- ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD

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This bill adds a provision to the offense of endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree. A person commits the offense of endangering a child in the first degree if he or she knowingly fails to secure a readily available, loaded deadly weapon in the presence of a child less than 17 years of age. The bill defines "secure" to mean a deadly weapon with a functioning lock, housed in a safe or unloaded of ammunition.

This bill is similar to HB 2500 (2016).